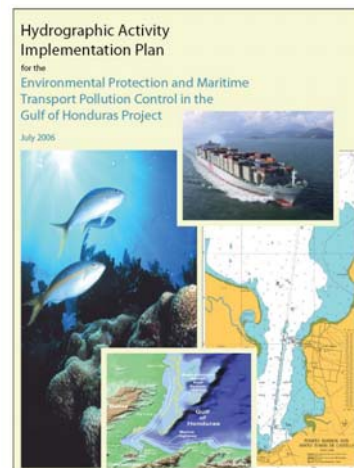


NOS Special Projects Highlights: August 2006

Project of the Month

Enhancing Navigational Safety in the Gulf of Honduras

Special Projects worked with partners to finalize a proposed "Hydrographic Implementation Plan" that supports navigation safety and the improvement of environmental management components of the Environmental Protection and Maritime Transport Pollution Control of the Gulf of Honduras Project. The plan represents an integrated consensus from Belizean, Guatemalan, and Honduran hydrographic institutions with full support from the MesoAmerican–Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission of the International Hydrographic Organization. The Gulf of Honduras contains the Mesoamerican Barrier Reef System—the second largest barrier reef system in the world. (Percy Pacheco and John Hayes)



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Hydrographic Survey Review Panel Report

Facilitated the development of the first draft of the Hydrographic Services Review Panel document, currently titled "Critical Connections, Recommendations for NOAA's Contributions to the U.S. Marine Transportation System." The draft was discussed at the August 14-15 meeting of the panel held in Anchorage, Alaska and a delivery date for the report was set for December 15, 2006. (Mike Shelby)

NOS GIS Team meeting

Facilitated an NOS GIS Team meeting on Wednesday, August 16th. The major objectives of this meeting were to initiate a more formalized communications structure within the team and to identify activities that should be included in an FY2007 work plan. (Kim Cohen)

NOS Products and Services Valuation

Held a workshop with the NOS elements of Commerce and Transportation to examine the value of NOS products and services to the nation. (Pete Wiley)

NOS Social Science Plan

Briefed, with the NOS Social Science Team, Jack Dunnigan and his staff on the role of social science in NOS and the activities in which social science played a significant role in achieving outcomes. (Pete Wiley)

NOAA

NOAA 200th Web Site Calendar of Events

Completed a Web-based database application for the input and display of events for the upcoming NOAA 200th celebration. Using an ASP.net application environment, any Web browser will be able to view, on the 200th Web site, a calendar displaying all events taking place during the year long celebration. (Jerry Lau)

NOAA 200th Top Tens Nominations

Managed the nomination process for NOAA Top Tens. NOAA Top Tens will be selected as part of NOAA's upcoming 200th anniversary celebration and will be highlighted on the 200th Web site. A total of 125 nominations were received in the four categories of history makers, breakthroughs, historic events, and foundation datasets and/or products. (John Paul Tolson)

Summary of Current Projects by Client: FY06 (as of August 31)

Client	Active	Proposed	Completed	Estimated Level of Effort* (person years)
NOS	31	5	7	12.1
NOS Program Offices	18	5	18	8.7
NOAA	27	5	8	16.2
NOAA-Line Offices	1	1	1	3.1
NOAA Goal Teams	11	0	2	4.2
Total	88	16	36	44.4**

*The level of effort estimates will fluctuate as new projects are added and existing projects are completed.

**There is an additional level of effort that goes into SP-specific projects (e.g., administrative).

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Special Projects, circa 1985: Can you find the Dans: Dan Farrow and Dan Basta?

Special Projects has a 25-year history within the National Ocean Service, dating back to 1979, when a strategic assessment program was formed in the then Office of Ocean Survey's Office of Coastal Zone Management.

Today, Special Projects operates as a unit within the NOS Management and Budget Office to provide technical and discipline-based support services to help the NOS Assistant Administrator, NOS Program and Staff Offices, and NOAA Programs meet new and existing requirements.



Special Projects, 2005: Which of today's SPers were part of the office twenty years ago?

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